



REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims consistent with Paper 21 which stated that the specification was enabling for a diagnostic method for detecting ulcerative colitis and inflammatory disease of the colon. (Paper 21, p. 2). Claim 12 has been amended in accordance with this acknowledgement to replace the recitation of "any tissue" in claim 12, to recite "colonic tissue." Thus, the tissues related to the disorders of ulcerative colitis and inflammatory bowel disease, of which ulcerative colitis is a representative member, are recited.

The recitation of tissues noted above finds support in the specification at page 5 and throughout the specification. Claims 17-22 further delineate these tissues into the specific disease entities and abnormalities related to ulcerative colitis and this delineation of specific disease entities finds support pages 9 and 10 of the specification.

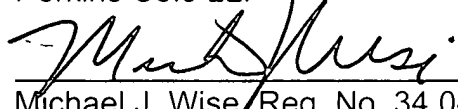
These amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be addressed to expedite the prosecution of this application, please feel free to call the undersigned at (310) 788-3210.

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